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Yucatan strictly prohibit the transportation of any person who has died of any contagious disease. So strict is this law interpreted that it is impossible to transport bodies from one town to the other even to inter them in the family burying ground. Hence any attempt looking to the exhumation and transportation of bodies from here to the United States can only result in failure.

Respectfully, EDWARD THOMPSON,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *December 8, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended December 8: There were 6 cases of yellow fever and 1 case of smallpox reported, but no deaths from either disease. The general mortality report has not yet been received in this office, but will be forwarded Monday. During the week 7 vessels were issued bills of health and health certificates issued to 32 passengers. One hundred and thirty-seven passengers left here during the week on American-bound vessels, but as the majority were for Mexican ports, and, exceptnig the Havana passengers, all the others being for New York, where the quarantine has been raised during the winter, they were not issued health certificates. The last norther brought the thermometer down to 68, and the overcoat and sweater were very much in evidence. This temperature is frigid in this locality and can be relied upon to put an end to the yellow fever cases. The health of the shipping continues excellent, there being little sickness of any character in the harbor.

Respectfully, SAML. H. HODGSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

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Quarantine station near Tangier to be moved from Mogador Island to Torre Blanquilla or Malabata Point.

TANGIER, *November 16, 1900.*

SIR: The Department will recall in my No. 236 of February 19, 1900, I reported that, with the consent of the Moorish authorities, a quarantine station was established on the island of Mogador for the past year only. The medical director, who was selected by the diplomatic corps and appointed by the Moorish Government, has now closed the said quarantine station, there being no more pilgrims returning from Mecca this year. The said medical director has reported that he considered the island of Mogador an unsuitable place for the station for the reason that, being such a distance down the coast, many pilgrims were landed at intervening points secretly, thus rendering the quarantine of no avail.

The conseil sanitaire have decided that it is absolutely necessary that the quarantine station for returning pilgrims should be at a place where more careful supervision could be exercised over it. They have accordingly instructed the German minister, who is now at the Shereefian court, to secure permission of the Moorish Government to permanently